

Whether the "revolt" of the coal miners against John L. Lewis' leadership is genuine or not seems to me to be beside the point.

The great issue that lies behind all the controversy in the coal fields is the same issue that has risen to a lesser extent in the major manufacturing industries—the attempt of combinations of men to control production in defiance of the rights of management.

Lewis sought to restrict production of coal in order to support still higher coal prices and he even went as far as to order his miners to work only three days a week—thereby crippling the earnings of the half-idle mines and ruining employment and profits of all the railroad which depend on the mines for much of their freight business.

Now, reports that the miners are "revolting" against the three-day-week order and demand either a full week's work or no work at all. Many of them, therefore, are on a 100 per cent strike.

This adds up to the same thing as Lewis' original declaration for the restriction of coal production—whether the "revolt" is real or not. And management being powerless to do anything about the situation the only apparent relief lies in government action under law. For unless order is brought out of the chaos now existing around the mines there will be a steady contraction of such American industry as uses coal or steel—and that means most of it.

Conviction of Alger Hiss over the week-end was technically on a charge of perjury. But the real issue, of course, was the suspicion that the Department of State man who served as an aide to the late President Roosevelt at Yalta was overly friendly to alleged spy rings operating in our country.

There is a question in nearly everyone's mind about Hiss, and we're not sure that full justice has been done. All we're really sure of is that if Hiss is guilty we haven't yet gotten hold of the top man.

That's the temper America finds herself in—in a day when Russia, once our war ally, goes about the world planting agitators in every country that will stand for it.

It's tough to be made an "example of"—but that's what's really happened to Hiss.

Sunday in Chicago Preston T. Tucker, designer of the 28-million-dollar "dream car" that didn't sell, was acquitted of fraud charges—and five courtroom spectators rose and cheered.

Twenty-eight million dollars gone up in smoke—and they cheer him. After reading Tucker's story in a national magazine and then reading yesterday's trial report, are reminded of the late W. C. Fields' defense of drifters. "Grits, are all right said Fields. "Because you can't cheat an honest man."

The government supposedly the watch-dog on guard against stock promoters attempting to fleece the public didn't do much of a job in the Tucker case. Tucker made flat statements about patents and engineering in full-page newspaper advertisements which later proved to be untrue. No matter how the suckers felt about it, the government should have handled Tucker—earlier than it actually did and better than the trial result shows.

School Band Concert Here Thursday

Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium, the Hope High school band, directed by G. T. Cannon, will present a concert featuring in its entirety the music of John Philip Sousa. While the concert is intended in honor of the Friday Music club, the public is cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission.

When the name Sousa is mentioned, immediately there comes to mind the title, "March King." Those famous marches, "El Capitan," "The Thunderer," "Hands Across the Sea," and many others equally renowned are from the pen of this famous composer and musician. None, however, seem to give quite the thrill that comes from the eternal favorite, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Sousa did not confine his writing to marches only but has given the world much music of other types. The reason his larger numbers are not performed more at the present day is because, probably, so much of it is out of reach for the average school band.

Some of the older numbers on the coming program are out of print and have been obtained for this concert only after extensive research and inquiry. And while admittedly a difficult program, the High School Concert Band is enjoying this unique set of numbers which will be performed Thursday night.

The program is as follows:
Suite—Dwellers of the Western World; The Red Man, The White Man, The Black Man.
March—Liberty Bell.
Fox trot—Peaches and Cream.
March—Fair and the Fair.
Suite—At the Movies; The Serenaders; The Crafty Villain; Little Maid; Balance All and Swing your Partner.

Polonaise—Presidential Polonaise.
March—Naval Reserve.
March—Stars and Stripes Forever.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Cloudy this afternoon, tonight, Tuesday. Showers, colder in north Tuesday afternoon or night.



HOW MUCH IS A MILLION BUCKS?—To give you some idea of how much cash those Boston robbers stole from Brink's, Inc. in one of the biggest holdups in history, Velma Demaso, above, has lined up a cool million in greenbacks. The seven robbers also took half a million dollars worth of securities. This picture was taken far, far inside one of Boston's leading bank vaults.

Hiss to Appeal Conviction; Faces Prison

New York, Jan. 23 —(UP)—Attorneys for Alger Hiss today prepared an appeal to higher courts in an effort to clear his name as a 20th century Benedict Arnold.

The former state department official and his wife Priscilla hid at the home of friends to await his next court appearance on Wednesday when Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard will pronounce sentence. He faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$4,000 fine.

Claude B. Cross, chief counsel for Hiss, said in Boston that he would appeal to the U. S. Circuit court to reverse the decision of the jury which Saturday declared the former government official guilty on two counts of perjury. But he would not reveal on what grounds the action would be taken. The action could be taken to the Supreme court, but Cross would not say whether he would carry the fight that far. "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.

The jury of eight women and four men deliberated nine hours and 18 minutes before deciding that Hiss, 45, who advised President Roosevelt at Yalta, lied when he denied aiding a pre-war Communist spy ring.

The government had charged that Hiss perjured himself when he told a federal grand jury here that he never gave ex-spy courier Whitaker Chambers secret government papers and that he never saw Chambers after Jan. 1, 1947.

The government won its conviction exactly one year, five months and 17 days after Chambers first accused Hiss of espionage activities at a house committee in Washington. Unable to charge him with espionage because of the statute of limitations, federal prosecutors pressed the perjury indictments.

Another jury was unable to reach a decision at Hiss' first trial last summer. But the government pressed its charges a second time to win its case.

Hiss remained at liberty under \$5,000 bond until Goddard passes sentence.

Seven in This Area Enter Air Force

Sergeant First Class Warren G. Short, commander of the army and Air Force recruiting station in Hope, today announced the enlistment of seven men from this area in the Army or Air Force.

The Air Force enlistees were John M. England, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. England, Route 2, Hope. Private England has been transferred to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas for his basic training. He was a member of the local National Guard Unit prior to his enlistment. After completion of the basic period he will be assigned to a technical school for specialized training.

The Army enlistments were Jesse D. Fant, 402 Mockingbird Lane; Charles E. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Baker, Route 4; T. J. Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Stephens, Route one, McCaskill; Josie E. Harris, son of Annie Harris, Route 4; T. J. Washington, Negro son of T. J. Washington; and Q. T. Johnson, Negro, son of Mary Jane Johnson, Route 4.

Sergeant Short also announced that after final tabulations Hope again was the top station in the Tarkenton Main Station area in view of the greatly restricted enlistment quota, and the higher qualifications needed for enlistment. This honor is increasingly difficult for a smaller station to attain.

Don't Park Cars on R. R. Tracks Police Warn

Chief of Police Clarence Baker issued a warning today to theatergoers not to park automobiles on or near the Frisco and L. & A. railway tracks at Louisiana and West Second.

The next car found parked there will be pulled off by a wrecker and the owner will have to pay all charges, Mr. Baker said.

Ex-Statesman to Be Tried by Bulgaria

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 23 —(UP)—Premier Vassil P. Kolarov, one of Bulgaria's elder Communist statesmen, died early today after a long illness. He was 72.

Kolarov's death was announced by Radio Sofia. Three days of national mourning was decreed. It was believed Kolarov's health had been affected by the death in Moscow last July of his lifelong friend and revolutionary comrade, Premier Georgi Dimitrov. Kolarov succeeded Dimitrov as the head of Bulgaria's communist-dominated government.

(Special) An abroad about Kolarov's successor centered on Vukobradov, Bulgaria's vice premier and Communist party secretary, who had been mentioned for the premiership after Dimitrov's death. He was named vice-premier when Kolarov became premier.

The official press eulogized Kolarov today. The government and Communist party organ, Rabotnichesko Delo, termed him "a statesman with great experience and knowledge in all fields of life, with broad outlook and wisdom."

The son of a shoemaker, Kolarov became associated with Dimitrov in revolutionary activities in 1925 while he was studying law in Switzerland.

Kolarov served several prison terms imposed by courts of the old Bulgarian monarchy. In 1928, while in Moscow, he was sentenced to death in absentia.

After World War Two Dimitrov and Kolarov returned to Bulgaria in triumph. Kolarov became, in succession, speaker of parliament, provisional president of the Bulgarian republic, foreign minister and vice-premier.

C of C Dinner All Set for Friday Night

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Friday January 27, at Hotel Barlow.

A special program has been arranged and will feature a speech by Ed F. McFadden, associate justice of the Arkansas Supreme court who is a former resident of Hope.

Pilkinton Named to Help in Sex Crime Law Drive

James H. Pilkinton, prosecuting attorney, has been named to a special five-man group by the Arkansas Bar Association, to work with other groups on a sex crime prevention law for Arkansas. Others on the committee include John E. Goates of Little Rock, Judge Charles W. Light, Paragould, Ted Coxsey of Bentonville and Jack Holt of Little Rock.

Charlotte Good Sent to Polio Convalescent Home

Charlotte Good, 11 year old daughter of Howell Good, Rt. 3, Hope, was admitted to the Children's Convalescent Center for post polio physical therapy treatments. She fell victim to the epidemic last October 20.

Operation of the Center is a voluntary service of the Arkansas Association for the Crippled, made possible by the annual Easter Seal campaign.

Lewis' Officials Fail to End Coal Walkouts

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23 —(UP)—John L. Lewis' district officials today failed to end a "no contract no work" strike in seven soft coal states.

Votes taken by locals of the United Mine Workers over the weekend had indicated 37,000 of the 50,000 miners on strike would go back into the pits.

Pickets showed up at several mines to prevent many of those locals from resuming production for a fuel hungry nation. Weekend efforts of the UMW district officers to induce miners to give up their strike cut the total number idle to an estimated 60,000.

In West Virginia, the number one soft coal state, pickets idled 4,500 miners in Monongalia county's 14 mines. District 31 President Cecil J. Urbaniak still is confident. He said "things will turn out straightened out this week." Production is normal in Logan county.

In the Bluefield area, officials of an important coal-carrying railroad said all mines along its tracks were operating.

The back to work movement showed strength in the Pittsburgh southwestern Pennsylvania section near Uniontown.

The western Pennsylvania Coal Operators association said 25,000 of the area's 50,000 miners are working. Fifty-two mines are turning out coal but 71 others are closed.

Most of the closed mines are owned by steel companies. Two Ohio pits were idled by pickets. Miners at both had voted to return to work. Elsewhere in the state, 9,000 diggers are staying at home.

Four mines are down in Kentucky, idling 1,000 men, but in general the back-to-work movement is gaining.

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Communists Find Economic Situation in China's an Ever Growing Problem

By FRED HAMPSON
(For DeWitt MacKenzie)
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Hong Kong — Fresh reports filtering out of Red China tell of more belt-tightening, higher prices and stiffer taxation.

Predictions of last summer are materializing into a winter of woe for China's common man. Even the Communist press and radio have stopped trying to keep it secret.

Reports reaching the Associated Press from the Yangtze valley, site of such great cities as Shanghai and Nanking, say large shops are getting smaller and small shops are disappearing. Communist papers carry daily notices of closures because of lack of business.

Doctors and hospitals also are hard-hit. The American mission hospital and University hospital affiliated with Ginling college in Nanking are reported "selling their medical supplies on the open market" in order to pay their bills.

Eight million persons are destitute as a result of "large-scale natural disasters," according to Communist Press En-lai, which recently appeared in Red newspapers.

He estimated that last summer's floods in north and central China inundated more than 14,000,000 acres and forced 40,000,000 persons from their homes. In Hopei province alone more than 4,000,000 acres were flooded and 10,000,000 persons left homeless.

Chou's directive to all city governments suggested putting refugees into factories and handwork but it is well known throughout Red China that factories are in a constant state of shutdown. Industrial difficulties and handicraft industries are no better off.

Nao Han-chou, member of the

Bulgaria to Bring American to Trial

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 23 —(UP)—The Hungarian communist government plans to put American Business Executive Robert Vogeler on public trial soon, U. S. State officials said today.

Vogeler, who has been held incommunicado for eight weeks, is an assistant vice-president and Eastern European manager of the International Telephone and Telegraph company. He was seized by Hungarian police November 18 while returning to Vienna in his automobile.

The U. S. officials quoted Hungarian Deputy Premier Matyas Rakosi as telling U. S. minister to Hungary Nathaniel P. Davis that Vogeler "would be brought to public trial within the next few weeks."

The nature of the charge against him has not been specified. But the Hungarian government said in a note to Washington two weeks ago that he was being held "on well-founded suspicion of espionage and sabotage. The note accused the United States of interfering in Hungary's internal affairs in demanding Vogeler's release."

The U. S. State Department, in closing the Hungarian consulates in Cleveland and New York.

Israel Jacobson, another American, also was held on suspicion of espionage charges for a two-week period in December.

Jacobson, director in Hungary for the joint distribution committee, a Jewish relief agency, was held incommunicado, then released without trial.

In Washington, diplomatic sources predicted a "serious new turn" in the relations between American-Hungarian relations by the latest development in the Vogeler case.

Tucker, Seven Others Freed of Charges

Chicago, Jan. 23 —(AP)—The former head of the bankrupt Tucker corporation and seven associates were freed of charges of mass production of counterfeit automobiles were found innocent yesterday of government charges of fraud.

A federal court jury returned the verdict for Preston T. Tucker and the other defendants on charges of mail fraud, conspiracy, and violation of federal securities regulations in promoting manufacture and sale of the car.

The jury which heard the government's case against the defendants in the three-month trial reached its verdict on the fourth ballot after 17 hours of deliberation.

The case had gone to the jury at 10:55 a. m. Saturday without any of the defendants testifying. Defense attorneys contended simply that the government had not proved any of the charges in its 31-count indictment.

Tucker, 46, was president and board chairman of the corporation from the time he launched it in 1947 until it sank into bankruptcy last March. Other defendants acquitted were Fred Rockelman, 63, executive vice president; Robert D. Dulian, 55, treasurer; Mitchell W. Radford, 45, a former treasurer; Floyd D. Cerf, 60, underwriter of a \$17,500,000 stock issue; Harold A. Karsten, 58, an assistant in the

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Truman Tax Plan Asks Billion Dollar Boost on Corporations, Big Gifts



BOMB ROCKS RICE DORM — Allen Pierce, 18-year-old Rice Institute freshman from Dallas, Tex., examines a gaping hole in the East Hall dormitory in Houston, Tex. Pierce, one of the dorm's occupants, leans back against one of the four doors knocked from their moorings. Police said the bomb would have killed every man in the building had it been strategically placed. (NEA-Telephoto)

New Garden Club Officials Announced

New officers of the City Federation of Garden clubs of Hope were elected recently for the 1950-51 term. It was announced today by Mrs. Charles Wylie, retiring president, who has served the past two years. The new officers:

President, Mrs. Franklin McFarly, who succeeds Mrs. Wylie. Vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Carlton, who replaces Mrs. Franklin McFarly. Secretary, Mrs. Florence Wingfield, who succeeds Mrs. Thompson Evans. Treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Leverett, who succeeds Mrs. B. L. Rettig. Reporter, Mrs. Leonard Ellis, who replaces Mrs. C. P. Tolleson.

Reviewing activities of the organization the past two years, the Federation, in co-operation with various civic clubs in Hope, listed the following accomplishments at Fair Park:

Planted 175 nandinas, put out shrubbery and planted the northeast corner of the park in different types of flower bulbs. Two tennis courts were paved. Several new barbecue pits, tables and benches were added for the pleasure of the public. Fences were built, and much new playground equipment was purchased including swings, see-saws and merry-go-round.

With the opening of the swimming pool, beautification of the park and additional new equipment, many hundreds of persons were attracted to Hope's recreation center last two years.

The Federation of Garden clubs wishes to express its appreciation to all who aided in this program.

Hempstead Road Construction Totals \$361,908

Little Rock — (AP)—The Arkansas department over the week-end issued a county-by-county report on status of 1949 construction. The report totaling \$15,620,000, included by counties:

Hempstead — Nashville — Ozark road, Route 4, 3.97 miles, \$96,294, 65 per cent complete. Hope — Washington road, Route 4, 7.95 miles, \$201,714, 47 per cent complete. Hope — Hope road, Route 24, bridge \$3,900, 100 per cent, for a total of \$361,908.

Nevada county — five road projects, \$242,652.

Howard county — four projects, \$130,728.

Little Rock county — one project, \$8,200.

Bethel A. M. E. Reival to Start February 5

The Rev. E. R. Hooks, Chicago evangelist, will conduct a revival at Bethel A. M. E. church here starting February 5 and continuing through the 19. Rev. Hooks has conducted revivals all over the United States and is a widely recognized evangelist.

Less Cotton Ginned in the U. S.

Washington, Jan. 23 —(AP)—The census bureau reported today that 15,641,310 running bales of cotton from the 1949 crop were ginned prior to Jan. 16.

This compares with 14,140,444 bales ginned to the same date last year and 11,390,100 the year before.

Ginning this year and last, respectively, by states included Arkansas 1,584,825 and 1,834,801; Missouri 463,142 and 473,379.

Split Year Has Businessmen Worried

By SAM DAWSON
New York, Jan. 23 —(AP)—Compacency is the word for early 1950 business. The all but unanimous opinion that the first half of the year will be prosperous and the second half not so good or uncertain has some businessmen worried. They wonder:

1. Why the year is split in this middle that way — the first half good, and the second doubtful.

What is supposed to happen next summer? Or were the guessers just being cautious?

2. Whether business could come a cropper this spring from over-optimism, as many an athletic team has.

3. Whether fears over the prospects for next fall will slow down activity this spring and summer, keeping sales and profits lower than they could be. And whether the psychology such dread builds up might bring on another inventory cutting recession unnecessary.

Against these fears, however, defenders of the split-year predictions contend that the present view of how the year will go is healthy. It tends to prevent over-enthusiastic inventory building now, so that there need not be any drastic inventory cutting later, no matter how the course of business turns.

This points up the reason why industrialists and merchants both, to guess about the future. The persons whose predictions appear in print may be professionals. But every businessman has to make his own guess in private. He must decide to the best of his ability what you will do with your money, and how much of it you will have.

Then he can decide how much to produce or how high to pile his shelves with goods. He must guess whether the prices of his raw materials will go up or down, whether they will be easily available or in tight supply.

And, of course, you do the same thing in planning your own year ahead — guess whether you'll be laid off part of the time, whether your pay check will be as large, and whether you'd save money by buying now or by waiting for possible price declines.

Wants Congress to Eliminate Excise Levies

By FRANCIS M. LeMay

Washington, Jan. 23 —(UP)—President Truman sent congress a message today calling for a cut in excise or sales taxes levied on a host of loopholes, and a billion-dollar boost in taxes on corporations, estimates and big gifts.

In a special message, Mr. Truman did not say specifically what much reduction he thought should be made in the excise taxes, he said, cuts are "most needed" in the taxes on railroad and bus tickets, long distance telephone and telegraph rates, and "the entire group of retail prices, including such items as preparations, luggage, and baggage."

Mr. Truman did specify that these taxes should be cut to the extent that the loss in revenue can be recovered by closing the tax loopholes which permit some groups to escape a fair share of taxation.

He said the biggest loophole is the excessive depletion of the entire group of retail prices, including such items as preparations, luggage, and baggage."

Under these exemptions, percentages of the income and mining properties escape taxation, year after year. Owners of mines and oil wells are permitted to deduct such depletion from business, to exclude from taxation on account of depletion much as half of their income.

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Court Docket

James J. Speck, aggravated assault, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

John W. C. Hall, aggravated assault, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

John McDowell, Perry Campbell, Williams, James Holm, speeding, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

Henry, No tall light on, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Williams, no driver's license, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Williams, improper lights, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Williams, C. Goodwin, speeding, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Smith, light, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Bell, assault and battery, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Owens, Possessing unsafe intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Copwood, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Brown, David C. Roberts, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

State Docket

Hogue, driving while intoxicated, fined \$25, and driver's license revoked for 30 days.

Hindman, obtaining money by false pretenses, plea guilty, held to Grand Jury bond at \$300.

O'Dell, drunkenness, plea guilty, fined \$10.

Bridge, Bonnie Williams, A. B. R. R., Chester Stephens, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Clinton, Free parking on highway, found not guilty.

Hindman, overdraft, plea guilty, fined \$10.

McPherson, no tall light on, plea guilty, fined \$10.

McPherson, improper use of car, plea guilty, fined \$10.

McPherson, burning improper use of car, plea guilty, fined \$10.

McPherson, malicious mischief, found not guilty.



"What I'm getting at," Muriel said, "is that a writer needs a certain sympathy. I don't mean praise. I wouldn't have a yes-woman."

Alice Pine stopped her car 50 yards from the house. She wanted to gather first impressions of this place that might become her home for an indefinite period.

Of course, this was the house. Mrs. Halleck's letter had stated that it stood alone at the very end of Grosvenor Point. Well, this dwelling did. Beyond it, Alice could see Long Island Sound, its blue surface laced with white caps by a strong May breeze.

That same breeze had made a partial confusion of Alice's amber hair. Now she tucked stray tendrils under small hat and contemplated the home of Muriel Halleck, alias "Jo Palgrave."

The ground around it was generally flat, but rescued from monotony by a series of interesting undulations. A sloping lawn on the Sound side ran down to a strip of beach. There were a number of shade trees and one magnificent weeping willow, green and gold in the afternoon sun. A neatly clipped hedge surrounded the house.

The place looked nice. But Alice, personally, would never have put up a squarish modernistic building here. The setting called for something older, more weathered, more on a cottage style perhaps.

But doubtless the Hallecks had substituted practically for the picturesque and very sensible. If you lived in one place year around. This house, with its glass blocks and generous picture windows, looked as if it would be light, airy. And the interior was probably a delightful dream.

Alice started her motor and turned into a wide gravel drive. As she braked, the front door opened.

The woman who emerged and hurried toward her was a small, trim, smart-looking, though dressed in casual beige cardigan and slacks. Her hair was pale blonde, upswept from a wide forehead. She had a reticent nose, lightly freckled at its bridge and a good firm chin.

And so this was Muriel Halleck, who wrote under the pen name of "Jo Palgrave." Alice had often seen her photographs in magazines.

"Miss Pine? It's so nice of you to come to hope the drive wasn't tiresome."

"Not at all," Alice's slight hesitation was involuntary. She had been a little startled by Muriel Halleck's eyes.

They were enormous and peculiar, so light a gray as to seem silvery. But tawny glints lurked in great black pupils like pin dots of fire. Alert, aware eyes, and the most arresting that Alice had ever seen.

She added: "I've been looking forward to coming. Your letter made it all sound so interesting."

Muriel Halleck smiled. "I hope you'll find it just that, if we can agree."

She's terribly alive, Alice thought. Bright an quickly-moving, like a light a gray as to seem silvery. But tawny glints lurked in great black pupils like pin dots of fire. Alert, aware eyes, and the most arresting that Alice had ever seen.

"Come along," Mrs. Halleck was saying. "I'm dying to explain everything."

Alice got out of the car and at once felt rather awkward. She stood five-seven in her stockings and had a tendency to stride. Whereas the woman at her elbow moved with the easy grace of a cat.

Such of the house's interior as she saw on the way to Mrs. Halleck's study was, indeed, charming. Soft rugs, tasteful furnishings, good pictures.

The study itself was small and exquisite. It faced the Sound, overlooking the lawn Alice had already seen. The walls were a cool gray-green. The north end was solid with bookshelves. There was a copper-faced fireplace at the south end. And the huge picture window seemed to bring lawn and water right into the room.

Alice sat in an overstuffed chair. Mrs. Halleck offered cigarettes. "Do you smoke? I hope so, if you're going to be with me. I burn them in chains."

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Social and Personal

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Social Calendar

Tuesday, January 24
The Cosmopolitan club will meet at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Charles Rowden, Jr. Every member of the club is urged to attend the meeting.

Miss Dorothy Ray,
Calvin Hughes
Wed in Church Ceremony

Beautiful in its simplicity, was the wedding of Miss Dorothy Joy Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Sr., of this city, and Calvin Hughes, Jr., of Sunday afternoon in the Hope chapel. Mr. Hughes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hughes of Malvern.

In the presence of members of the immediate family, the Rev. H. H. Paul, pastor of the church, read the impressive double ring ceremony before baskets of white gladioli and greenery.

The bride chose a gabardine suit of navy blue, with an ice pink corsage, and navy blue accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of pink carnations.

The couple had no attendants. After a wedding trip, they will make their home at 311 South Spruce.

Out of town guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hughes, and Harold Helm of Malvern; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Purdie and son, and Ray of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Joe Hamilton and son, William Otis of Emmel.

Joel Green
Honored on
7th Birthday

Mrs. Jess K. Green entertained with a birthday party Saturday afternoon at her home on East 14th street, honoring her grandson, Joel Green, who was celebrating his 7th birthday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Green.

As the little guests arrived they were presented favors of valentine candy, bubble gum, balls and jacks. They enjoyed many games during the afternoon.

The white birthday cake, decorated with red and white, and "Happy Birthday to Joel," written in red icing, was topped with seven white candles. The valentine motif of red and white, was carried out in the plates, cups and favors.

Mrs. Green assisted by Miss Barbara Ann Smith served birthday cake and ice cream to the following guests: the honoree, Beckey, Johnny and Bill Anthony, Bill Thomas, Stuart Green, David and Buddy Green, Larry Martin, Ronnie Jones, Betty Bryant, Jimmy Allen, Mary Beth Allen and Pattie Sue Edfield of Little Rock.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Tervell Hutson and daughter, Gail Ann of Little Rock were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Hutson and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hatcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray T. Allen had as week-end guest, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edfield and daughter, Pattie Sue of Little Rock.

Larry Walker spent the week-end with John Kulpa of Little Rock.

Mrs. Ray Allen and Miss Clara Osborn spent Monday in Shreveport.

Hospital Notes

Julia Chester
Admitted: Mrs. Bill Light, Rt. 2, Hope; Mrs. J. B. Murphy, Hope; Gerald R. Hamm, Emmet; J. B. Thornton, Rt. 4, Hope; Mrs. T. A. Gathright, Saratoga; Mrs. G. W. Powell, Rt. 3, Hope.

Discharged: Henry Davis, Hope; David Watkins, Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Smith Hope, announce the arrival of daughter, Nancy Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Crith Light, Rt. 2, Hope, announce the arrival of daughter, Linda Carol.

Josephine
Admitted: L. A. Grant, Hope; Mrs. Ervin Sinyard, Rt. 1, Hope; Mrs. J. Fred Crisham, Hope; Mrs. Elwin Salisbury, Hope; R. Kelley, Rt. 2, Hope; Mrs. O. H.

SAENGER
—TODAY—TUESDAY—

GASP! WONDER!

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Marcum, McNab, Ark.
Discharged: Mrs. Jack Simpson, Hope; L. A. Grant, Hope; Mrs. Sally Webb, Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Marcum, of McNab, Ark., announce the arrival of a baby boy, born on Jan. 23.

Branch
Discharged: Mrs. Carl Lewis, Rt. 2, Rosston; Robert E. Crank, Hope.

Huge State Plantation to Be Sold

Gould, Jan. 23. —(P)— Sprawling South Bend plantation, which once stretched 16 miles along the Arkansas river in Lincoln and DeSha counties, goes on the final selling block here this week.

Disposal of about 7,150 acres including buildings and farm equipment will write the final chapter to the famous plantation which at the turn of the 20th century was a show place in Arkansas.

A South Bend is well known throughout the Delta county by its rich farm lands and its famous "main house."

The 19-room frame structure was built by slave labor in 1854 for a Dr. Taylor who had taken over the surrounding lands as his country estate. He spent \$50,000 on the house.

It changed hands several times after the war between the states. In 1907 former Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois purchased the property for a reported \$1,000,000.

His finding South Bend plantation was a story in itself. C. H. Holthoff, Sr., Gould planter, who once had charge of the plantation, tells of some of Lowden's experiences.

The former governor left the Illinois state capital determined to own a cotton plantation. He toured Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi looking over prospective land.

When he learned of the Taylor plantation, with its quiet beauty and its ante-bellum mansion, he immediately bought the plantation and spent about \$500,000 on improvements.

He financed and operated the plantation until 1927 when the grand old Arkansas went on a rambling flood washing away the large plantation store and its complete stock.

After that management of South Bend changed hands many times. After Lowden's death it was turned over to the plantation with success until 1947. Col. James Hammond of Memphis purchased it that year and began disposing of the 22,000 acres of land in small lots.

Menus

Hope High school cafeteria.

Monday: Vegetable soup and crackers, pineapple cheese sandwiches, milk, ginger cookies.

Tuesday: Irish stew, English peas, peach salad, enriched bread, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken pie, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk, apple.

Thursday: Beef roast and gravy, mashed potatoes, (cabbage) slaw salad, corn bread, milk, jello squares.

Friday: Sheppard pie and stuffed potatoes, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, enriched bread, milk, apple sauce and cream.

Grade school and Junior High school.

Monday: Purple hull peas, buttered whole kernel corn, cornbread, carrot strips, cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Chile beans, cole slaw, enriched bread, cheese strips, devil food cake, milk.

Wednesday: Beef roast and gravy, creamed potatoes, eggplant peas, biscuit, apple sauce, milk.

Thursday: Beef and vegetable soup, corn muffin, cracker and cheese sandwich, apple Brown Betty, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni and cheese, mixed greens, cornbread, milk, tea-cake, cookies, milk.

The lunchroom supervisor at Yerger High school has planned the following menu for this week:

Monday: Bologna, Italian Spaghetti, fruit salad, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Beef-vegetable soup, crackers, cheese strip, apple, milk.

Wednesday: Smothered cabbage and spaghetti, candied yams, corn bread, milk.

Thursday: Meat loaf, English peas in potato nests, peach salad, bread, milk.

Friday: Beef stew, fruit salad, bread, milk.

Senators Press for Probe of Gambling

Washington, Jan. 23. —(P)— Two senators pressed today for a full-scale senate investigation into "nation-wide gambling and racketeering activities."

The words were those of Senator McCarthy (D-Wis.), who proposed yesterday that at least two—and possibly three—committees be authorized to engage in such an inquiry.

Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn.) already has asked the senate to give the judiciary committee \$100,000 for such a probe.

McCarthy said the senate's special investigations subcommittee

Police Angry as Nail File Opens Locks

Boston, Mass., Jan. 23. —(UP)— Locks at Brink's Inc., that were opened with latent nail files and pen knives amazed and angered police today as they sought a tangible lead in the \$1,500,000 robbery at the armored car service firm.

Special Police Officer Arthur Ahern started the "farce" by opening six locked doors at the company's north end office-garage building by using an inexpensive nail file.

Other officers used pen knives with comparative ease and got the same results.

The lock-picking occurred yesterday as police and FBI agents re-enacted Tuesday night's holdup. The locks on the doors had been changed the day after the robbery and police were testing their efficiency.

Brink's officials had described the new locks, similar to the old ones but requiring different keys, as "impenetrable" and "burglar proof."

"The test of locks became a farce after a while," a detective said. "We were able to open all six doors."

Detectives opened the doors simply by sliding a nail file or knife blade in to the crack between the door and the frame and pushing back the lock's tongue.

Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan said it was "outrageous" that the doors could be opened so easily and Police Superintendent Edward W. Fallon said he was "amazed."

The eight masked bandits who invaded the second-floor vault room where five employees were checking the money had to pass through at least six locked doors, police said.

Detectives previously believed the bandits had gained access with a master key but this theory was virtually discarded when it was shown how easily the doors were opened.

What police had called a "hot" tip also fizzled out yesterday after the owner of a lunch truck and his driver were picked up. They were released after questioning.

Stunt Flier Claims New Record

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He spanned the continent yesterday in four hours, 52 minutes, 58 seconds, in a converted P-51 fighter plane. The plane had a 2,000-horsepower Rolls Royce Packard engine.

The time was about seven minutes better than the record set last March by former army Major Joe De Bona, flying Actor Jimmy Stewart's souped-up P-51.

Mantz left Lockheed air terminal at Burbank, Calif., at 10:13 a. m. (EST) and zoomed over La Guardia field here at 3:06:17 p. m.

It will be up to the National Aeronautics association at Washington to determine whether a new transcontinental record has been set officially. Fred H. Wilkinson, official timer for the association, clocked the La Guardia arrival time and will report to the association.

Mantz said he averaged more than 500 miles an hour, with a top speed of 380 m. p. h. between Omaha and Chicago.

By designation of the National Aeronautics association the trip for the West-East record is 2,453,205 miles in a straight line, beginning from a standing start at Burbank.

Uncovered some leads during the five percent hearings last year which might be worth following up. He said the commerce committee might get into the inquiry too.

"I think we ought to find out in particular," he said, whether racketeers and gamblers in interstate commerce are attempting to control city politics.

"We have had a lot of complaints that they are, and the federal government certainly has the right to investigate if the people involved are operating across state lines."

WED.—THURS.

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Son and Mother Clash in "Hamlet"



Laurence Olivier and Eileen Herlie, in their roles as Prince Hamlet and the Queen, his mother, bring high drama to "Hamlet", the celebrated film version of Shakespeare's tragedy. Showing Wednesday - Thursday at the Rialto

'Hamlet' at Rialto on Wednesday

By all available records, Laurence Olivier's Academy Award winning version of "Hamlet", coming to the Rialto Theatre, on Wednesday, is the first attempt to film the great Shakespearean tragedy since 1914.

The fact that he has taken up the challenge of "Hamlet", after more than two decades, suggests the magnitude of Olivier's task in adapting so difficult a drama to the public's fancy and the camera's eye.

Also, Olivier's film is the first sound and visual record of an actor's interpretation. Unlike stage performances, where the actor's face is the only legacy, the film will not fade with the years.

The only previous filmings of "Hamlet" were made in the days of silent pictures. As long ago as 1907, George Melios, a French pioneer film-maker, produced a short film of the ghost scenes. In 1910, a little-known film of extracts from the play was made in France, and a similar version was made the next year at Kranberg Castle, Denmark, by Alvin Neuss. An American named James Young produced a film of the play in 1914.

The first really important effort, however, was made in 1913 in England, when Cecil Hepworth filmed the entire production as enacted by the Drury Lane company. The role was performed by Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson, one of the most famous Hamlets of all time.

"Olivier's 'Hamlet'" is a J. Arthur Rank Enterprise, being released in this country by Universal-International.

It takes four pounds of fresh grapes to make one pound of raisins.

bank to an aerial finish over La Guardia field.

Mantz said before starting from Burbank that he hoped yesterday's flight would end transcontinental speed flights with gasoline-fueled planes. He said such engines apparently have reached their peak in speed, and differences in flight time now are controlled mainly by weather factors.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Jan. 23.—So successful has a specialized system proven for treating rheumatism and arthritis that an amazing new book will be sent free to any reader of this paper who will write for it.

The book entitled, "Rheumatism," fully explains why drugs and medicines give only temporary relief and fail to remove the causes of the trouble; explains how you may obtain relief from rheumatism and arthritis.

You incur no obligation in sending for this instructive book. It may be the means of saving you years of untold misery. For writing promptly, the Clinic will send their newly enlarged book entitled, "Rheumatism." Address your letter to The Ball Clinic, Dept. 4210, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, but be sure to write today.

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Did You Get Your Ticket?

Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Hotel Barlow Friday, January 27th

Apartment House Fire Loss \$150,000

Little Rock, Jan. 23. —(UP)— Fire which swept through a 43-unit apartment building on Main street here last night was believed to have caused at least \$150,000 worth of damage.

The owners of the Luxor apartments declined to make an exact estimate on the amount of damages until the building could be inspected by insurance companies.

The fire started about 7:45 p. m. a year to the hour from the time that the biggest Little Rock fire in recent years destroyed the Bliss department store annex on Jan. 22, 1949.

Firemen fought the blaze most of the night while thousands of spectators jammed the streets. Among them was Gov. Sid McMath.

The entire top floor of the U-shaped three-story building was destroyed. Firemen and tenants said the blaze was believed to have started in a chute which extended the full height of the building from a basement incinerator.

The Trinity hospital across the street from the Luxor building was never threatened and none of the patients was evacuated.

All of the 43 families in the apartments were warned in sufficient time to get out of the building. Most of them, however, left all their furniture and most of their clothing and personal possessions in the burning structure. The Salvation Army made arrangements

to house the homeless people in its city.

Fire truck spotlights were used to illuminate the building when power was shut off on a 13,000-volt circuit to protect the firefighters.

Gasoline-fueled buses were used by the Capital Transportation Co. when electricity was shut off from the trolley lines.

An explosion in the lower floors of the building was feared for a while because of an accumulation of natural gas before it was shut off.

The Luxor was one of the oldest and considered one of the most elite large apartment houses in the city. It is owned by Sam and Lewis Storz, prominent realtors here.

Answer: Having once got my clutches on the tall feathers of such a rare avian as a man who thought that any woman was too good for him, I should hold on like grim death until I shooed him to the altar. For, believe me, you will have one of the greatest curiosities in captivity.

Somehow it seems too good to be true, and I only fear this profession of humility may be an alibi to conceal his real purpose, which is evading marriage. It is an original excuse, and terribly clever for it leaves a woman defenseless. Such an attitude isn't normal. It is against nature for any man not to think that he is the superior of any woman and that she is darned lucky to get

DOROTHY DIX Men vs. Women

Dear Miss Dix: We have been discussing two questions in which we are greatly interested. One is: Which is the more loyal, men or women? The other is: Which gives up more in marriage, man or woman? What do you think about these subjects?

Answer: I think that women are more loyal than men, and that women give up far more in marriage than men do. You often see a one-man woman, but very rarely a one-woman man. When it comes to marriage there are probably fifty times more faithful wives than there are faithful husbands.

There are many men who are loyal friends and loyal employees, men who are loyal to their church and their political parties and their countries. Perhaps in those relationships they are even more loyal than women are, but when it comes to loyalty between the sexes, then it is women who are the most faithful.

Seldom, indeed, do you hear of a husband standing by the wife who has been unfaithful to him and got herself in a mess of scandal, and seldom do you find a wife forsaking her husband when he is in trouble.

Wife Gives Up More
Concerning your second question, which gives up more in marriage, a man or a woman, I should say unquestionably that the woman does. If either one is a sacrificial goat which is laid on the marriage altar, she is it.

To begin with, she gives up her name and her identity and henceforth is known only as an adjunct to her husband. Then a woman must almost always give up her

career or her job when she marries, no matter how much she loves it, or how successful she is in it. Husbands want their wives' time and attention instead of sharing them with the public. Babies have to be looked after and can't do with a part-time mother. Houses won't run themselves, and so it is generally either good-bye job or on to Reno. And nobody who hasn't tried it knows what it means to a woman who has earned her own money and had her own pocketbook to become financially dependent on her husband. And it is the wife who has to bear the children and who has to get up an hour before the balance of the family of a morning and work an hour after the balance of them have gone to bed and who has no Sunday or holiday days off.

Of course, marriage is no picnic to a man. He has to toil and do without the things he wants in order to give to his wife, but it is the woman who gets the hot end of the bargain.

Dear Dorothy Dix: What am I to do about a full-grown, intelligent man who persists in entertaining the erroneous idea that I am so much his superior that he cannot aspire to my hand? I have done everything within my power to convince him otherwise, but in vain. He clings to his delusion. Before definitely trying to forget this lovable fool I want to know if his attitude is normal, and would I be happy with a man so incapable of properly appreciating himself?

Answer: Having once got my clutches on the tall feathers of such a rare avian as a man who thought that any woman was too good for him, I should hold on like grim death until I shooed him to the altar. For, believe me, you will have one of the greatest curiosities in captivity.

Somehow it seems too good to be true, and I only fear this profession of humility may be an alibi to conceal his real purpose, which is evading marriage. It is an original excuse, and terribly clever for it leaves a woman defenseless. Such an attitude isn't normal. It is against nature for any man not to think that he is the superior of any woman and that she is darned lucky to get

him. Somehow a man's loyalty is complex never extending beyond the case of this young man very strange.

As to whether you would be happy or not with a man who writes his own price tag, and if there is much to be gained both sides of the question, of course, a man who thinks himself is sweet to live with, a pleasant companion, but on the other hand, the woman who seldom get anywhere, and in a hole. It takes a lot of conceit to nerve a man's heart to fight the world.

Then, too, you run about peculiarly of feminine psychology, gratifying to a woman's vanity, a pleasant companion, but on the other hand, the woman who seldom get anywhere, and in a hole. It takes a lot of conceit to nerve a man's heart to fight the world.

Dear Miss Dix: I am writing for a man who is not fresh flirtations, but he persists in calling me by my first name, and you think that it is a gentlemanly thing to do. I am afraid others will think me common to allow it. I need my job and don't want to lose it.

Answer: Probably it would be more dignified and formal for an employer to call you Miss and-So, but I think you are foolish to make an issue of small matter or let it trouble you. (Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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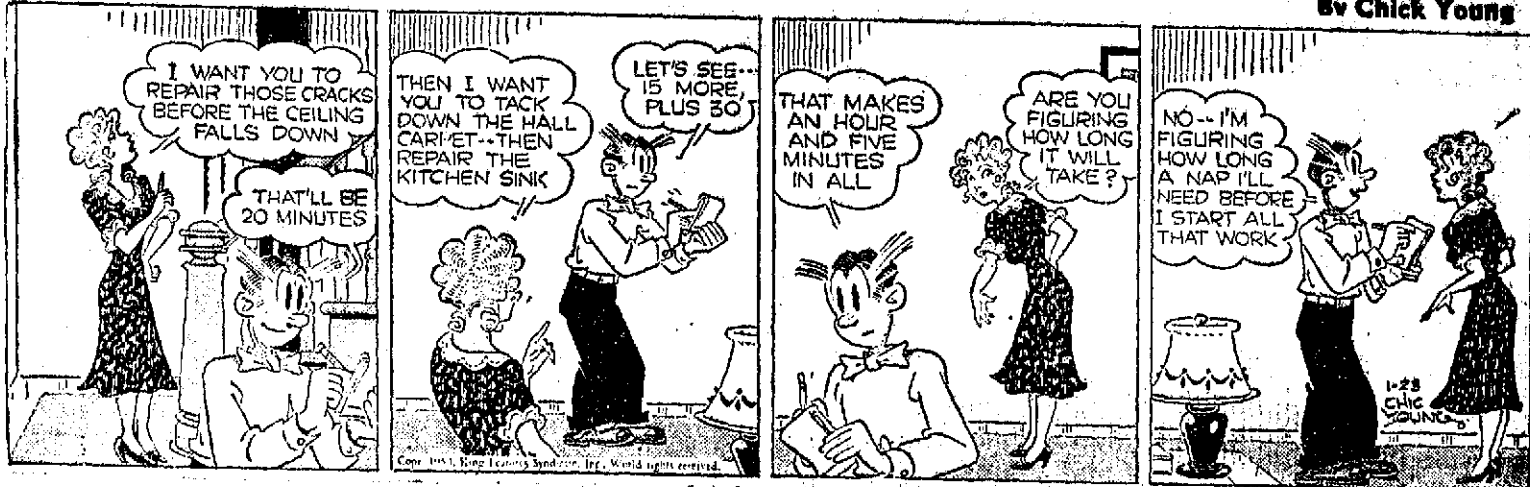
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PRESCOTT NEWS

Tuesday, January 24

Clothing leaders of Nevada county will meet in the home demonstrations agent's office at 1 p. m. Tuesday for program planning with Miss Sue Marshall, extension clothing specialist. Miss Marshall will demonstrate the making of well buttonholes and invisible hemming. Please bring your sewing equipment and scraps and be on hand for this meeting.

Wednesday, January 25

The choir of the First Methodist church will have rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

There will be a mid-week meeting at the First Christian church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Choir practice and a special Bible lesson will be held Wednesday evening at the Central Baptist church from 7 to 8:30.

A mid-week Bible study will be held at the Church of Christ Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.

The following mid-week services will be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening: Teachers meeting 7; prayer meeting, 7:45; choir rehearsal 8:30.

Friday, January 27

Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet in the home of Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton, Friday, at 3:30. Mrs. J. B. Hesterly will be co-hostess.

Mrs. Buchanan Hostess to Wednesday Club

Mrs. Vernon Buchanan was hostess to the Wednesday bridge club at her home on the Rosston Road, Wednesday afternoon.

The rooms were colorful with arrangements of japonica, jonquills and ivy.

There were four tables of players with Mrs. Frank Gilbert, winning the high score prize, and Mrs. A. V. Regnier the cut prize.

Guests for the afternoon included: Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Regnier, Mrs. Hansel Herring, Mrs. J. T. Worthington, Mrs. Hesterly, Mrs. Paul Buchanan, Mrs. J. R. Bemis, Mrs. Tom Cruise, Mrs. John Pittman, and Mrs. E. R. Ward. Club members were Mrs. Clarke White, Mrs. Allen Gee, Mrs. S. R. W. J. Eudora, Mrs. S. Regan and Mrs. Basil Munn. Mrs. Carl Dalrymple, Mrs. Harold Parker and Mrs. Doyle Hooks were tea guests.

A delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

Intermediate G. A.'s Elect Officers

The Ruth Culpepper Intermediate G. A.'s of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday afternoon in the home of their counselor, Mrs. Frank Williams.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alma Lois Farrell. During the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Alma Lois Farrell; vice president, Kay King; Sec-treas., Patsy Griffin; program chairman, Rosana Langley. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Circle 4 of the W. M. U. served delectable refreshments.

Contestants of the Senior High school for the annual Wolf Trail King and queen are Freshman class, Mary Lee Martin-Jack Robey; sophomores class, Pat Erskine-George Haynie; junior class, Mary Jo Anderson-Andrew Moore; senior class, Ida Hamilton-Sam Dundee. The winners will be announced Wednesday.

Presbyterian Men Have Fine Program

The men's club of the Presbyterian church met Wednesday night, January 18, with a good attendance. S. O. Logan was chairman of the menu committee, which served a delicious ham dinner.

Other committee members were: A. A. Ingersoll, L. M. Cummings, Ed Barker, N. N. Daniel, president, presided at the business meeting. The speaker of the evening was the pastor, the Rev. W.

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G. Bensberg, who spoke on "Which Way Japan?", reviewing the foreign mission study book of that title, by Edwin Shacklock. The next meeting will be February 15.

Mrs. Clarke White has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cox in Hope.

Mrs. Ethel Davis of Los Angeles, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Hirst has returned to Hope where she is visiting.

Harold Parker was a business visitor in Little Rock Thursday.

Mrs. Edward Bryson and Mrs. C. A. Haynes motored to Texarkana Thursday for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cavanah are now domiciled in the Imon Gee cottage on East Main St.

Mrs. J. W. Webb of Port Arthur, Tex. has been the recent guest of Mrs. Cora Munn.

GOP Split May Break Up Coalition

Washington, Jan. 23 —(P)—A split in the ranks of house Republicans may render considerably less effective the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition that frequently has ruled the house.

The breach, which broke into the open at a party caucus last Wednesday, became apparent to all Friday when 64 Republicans voted against a proposed change in house rules.

Had the 64 stayed "hitched" as they normally do, the rules would have been changed and the coalition-dominated rules committee would have regained a stranglehold on legislation.

Republican leaders publicly scoffed at suggestions that the party's lines in the house are badly split.

"We had a little trouble" at the caucus, one of them admitted. Republicans who attended the caucus call that an understatement. They said Rep. Frank Keefe of Wisconsin "read the riot act" and said in a few choice words that he was tired of following the recognized GOP leadership in the house.

All Keefe will say is that he had "a few words to say and said them."

The departure of 64 Republicans from party ranks last Friday was the largest defection in years. Normally the GOP line in the house holds fairly fast, although there always have been a few of the 169 members who "bolt."

Many Republicans feel that their leadership in the house has been "taken in" by the Southern Democrats, and has gained nothing from the coalition.

"We have never gained anything from this coalition," one of the dissatisfied Republicans said. "It is to the advantage of the Southern Democrats to have us on their side because they want to stop civil rights legislation and they need help."

But, he complained, "when there's something we want, they don't go along with us. We can't count on them when federal spending is involved because a lot of it is spent in the south."

This does not mean that the coalition has been broken up, but it obviously has lost some of its potency and the Truman administration forces don't fear it as much as in the past.

It may mean that the Republican leadership in the house may have to "bend" a little to accede to some of the views of such a large segment of its following as the 64 who broke ranks last Friday.

The breach could add to the troubles of the 21-member house GOP committee trying to agree on a statement of principles for the 1950 campaigns.

Mercy Slaying Autopsy to Stay Secret Until Trial

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 23 —(P)—The results of a surprise autopsy of the victim of New Hampshire's so-called mercy slaying will remain a guarded secret until Dr. Hermann N. Sander goes on trial.

The 40-year-old country doctor is charged with first degree murder in the death of Mr. Ebbie C. Borroto, 59, wife of a Manchester oil salesman.

The state claims Dr. Sander took

Pro Bosses Leave Division Up to Commissioner

Philadelphia, Jan. 23 —(P)— Unless there is a last minute change of heart the 13 National American football league owners will ask Commissioner Bert Bell to solve another problem today — the division makeup of the pro circuit.

It was the portly \$30,000 a year commissioner who solved the complex draft problem after the owners debated fruitlessly for 72 hours. Under Bell's system the owners and coaches drafted 380 players over the weekend.

The owners gave up in disgust Friday morning on the subject of dividing the circuit into two working divisions. They tabled the dis-

Mrs. Borroto's life by injecting air into her veins as she lay near death from cancer.

Atty. Louis Wyman, counsel for Dr. Sander, said last night the results of the autopsy will not be released until the trial gets underway. The body was disinterred at the request of the defense.

The state's chief prosecutor, Atty. Gen. William L. Phinney, said the state did not seek an autopsy because the embalming of the body erased evidence which would have aided the government's case.

He explained that in the embalming process blood is drained from the body and formaldehyde is substituted.

He said that the state had no objection to the defense conducting the autopsy which was performed Saturday at Hillsborough County hospital, scene of the alleged mercy slaying.

Government representatives were present. They made notations and took photographs along with the defense, for future reference.

Both government and defense attorneys declined to discuss findings made at the post mortem.

Austrians Long for a Peace Treaty Which Would Mean End of Russian Occupation Troops

By ALVIN STEINKOPF
(For DeWitt MacKenzie)
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

London — An old friend who used to be my neighbor in prewar Vienna writes from the Austria capital:

"We are beginning to have a feeling of pride in those Austrian peace negotiations. More than three years they have been going on now, and I believe that's longer than the run of the show 'Oklahoma' in London.

"Such a little country, but how troublesome we must be that the great powers take so long to decide about us!"

The Big Four has been trying since January 1947 to write a treaty of independence for Austria. In 248 meetings deputy foreign ministers have settled just about everything except a little dispute about how much Austria should pay for supplies received from Russia since 1945.

The amount involved is less than a million dollars. Last December

discussion and went ahead of the draft problem.

Asked if he thought the owners would turn the division problem over to him for settlement, Bell said the chances were very good. "I doubt if they will be able to get the necessary 11 out of 13 votes to approve any plan submitted by a member. However, it's up to the brothers in the lodge to decide if they want me to do the job."

Under the NAFL constitution, the commissioner is empowered to make a final and unappealable decision on any subject turned over to him by the owners. He did that with the draft, walking on a lot of toes and making them like it.

in New York the deputies decided to let Russia and Austria come to terms between themselves. Since then Russia has turned down two Austrian offers and the matter is still up in the air as the deputies meet here for their 24th session. The West thinks Russia just doesn't want Austria to be freed.

In more serious vein my Austrian some impression, of the feeling of uneasiness that disturbs his more thoughtful countrymen because they can't start acting like a normal country.

They know they aren't big enough to be dangerous to anyone and concede, with resignation, that their destiny is being shaped by events outside their country in distant capitals.

A year or two ago my friend, a Catholic, wanted all occupation armies to get out, as promised when a treaty is written. He thought that with American aid Austria could make a go of it. Now he isn't quite so sure, and he confesses it's comforting to see Western troops about. As long as they are there, he figures, things will hang in their present uneasy balance.

He is a little alarmed by the possibility that should everyone, including the Russians, leave tomorrow the country would be vulnerable to the schemes of Austrian Communists being trained as political agents, he believes, in regions of Russian occupation.

But, weighing it all up, he still wants every occupation army to get out. He thinks that Austria as a whole has reached a sufficient degree of prosperity to resist communism.

Many Austrians are thoroughly

convinced that Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia is the unwitting cause of the delay in putting the trivial finishing touches on the Austrian treaty.

Russia, according to this Austrian belief, is not finished with Tito. They think he is in for more pressures, and that Russian troops in Hungary and Romania might apply them.

These troops are in Hungary and Romania "to guard Russian communication lines" to the occupation force in Austria. If the Russians sign an Austrian peace treaty they would be obliged to remove their troops within 90 days. If they did take them out, there wouldn't be any justification, legal or otherwise, for keeping Russian forces in the two satellite lands. There would be "communications lines" to protect.

So the Austrians, longing for a peace treaty, are resigning themselves to waiting for the settlement of the Tito-Kremlin quarrel — one way or another.

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